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Attention: Docket Room

The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

> Re: Docket No. 02-00562

Dear Chairman Tate:

We have enclosed for filing an original and 14 copies of the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga's Response to Petition for Reconsideration in the above Docket. We have also enclosed an additional copy of this pleading and would appreciate your returning a "filed" stamped copy to us in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

RE: COMPLAINT OF US LEC OF

TENNESSEE, INC. AGAINST

ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF

CHATTANOOGA

Docket No. 02-00562

RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION

US LEC has filed a Petition for Partial Reconsideration asking that the Hearing Officer reconsider or clarify a portion of her June 26, 2003 Order (the "Order") granting summary judgment in favor of the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga ("EPB") on the use of the name "EPB." US LEC claims that the Hearing Officer's findings "potentially conflict."

As EPB understands the relevant portion of the Order, the Hearing Officer found that the use of the name "EPB" is appropriate. The Hearing Officer also found that questions of fact require further examination at a hearing. The Hearing Officer indicated that these questions of fact relate to US LEC's allegations that EPB's marketing and advertising activities have violated certain provisions of the proposed conditions to EPB's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

These findings do not conflict in any way, and the Hearing Officer should deny US LEC's Petition for Partial Reconsideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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This 17th day of July, 2003.

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